

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/02180/TCA

Sycamore - Fell, Process and Remove

127 Jackmans Place

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 1RG

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

- 2.1 08/02187/1TCA: Removal of 2 Larburnum trees and 1 Elder tree. 19.11.2008 – **No objection**
- 2.2 09/01904/1TCA: Reduce crown by 40-50% of 1 Sycamore tree in front garden and remove 2 Sycamore trees from rear garden. 30.11.2009 – **No objection**
- 2.3 10/02564/1TCA: Felling of 1 Apple tree. 24.11.2010 – **No objection**
- 2.4 12/02112/1TCA: Felling of 1 Sycamore Tree (T1). 23.10.2012 – **No objection**
- 2.5 13/00221/1TCA: Fell 1 Ash tree and 2 Hornbeam trees (marked x on plan) 11.03.2023 – **No objection**
- 2.6 22/00675/TCA: Various tree works including removal of T1, T3, T6 and T7 (all sycamores), T12 (Laurel) and trimming of T2, T4, T5 & T13 (all sycamores) 22.03.2022 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 No response received from Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The sycamore is located in the front garden of 127 Jackmans Place and is within the public realm in the Letchworth Conservation Area. The tree has sustained fire damaged.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The tree is identified on the submitted location plan.
- 4.3.3 The proposal seeks to remove the sycamore. With the damage sustained to the tree it is considered reasonable, in this instance, to proceed with its felling. The tree is no longer able to make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 4.3.4 There is a threat to the tree, due to its felling, however I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would result in the loss of the tree which brings some harm to the amenity and the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area, however, due to the current state of the tree its retention does not outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Signed  Shaun Greaves Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 25 September 2026	